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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1890.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 1894.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1894) granting a pension to Silas Beezley, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives hereto appended is adopted and the passage of the bill recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1894) granting a pension to Silas Beezley, have considered the same and report:

The claimant was a private in Capt. Jesse B. Browne's company of Maj. Kenny Dodge's battalion of mounted rangers, Black Hawk war, and served from July 24, 1832, to July 22, 1833.

He petitions Congress to grant him a pension by special act, declaring that about two weeks before his discharge from said service, and while guarding the frontier against hostile Indians, he was sent by Captain Browne to take medicine to a member of the company who had been taken sick with cholera while guarding beef cattle at Helena, a town on the Wisconsin River that had been burned by the Indians. The trip of 12 or 15 miles was made in the night, and led over logs, rocks, and gulleys. When he arrived at his destination, after the long and rough ride, he found that he had been badly ruptured, and the same has caused him much pain and inconvenience ever since. The claimant further declares that he was born October 17, 1810, and has no property of any description, but is living with his brother and exclusively upon his charity.

Dr. Hugh Logan, of Dalles City, Oregon, testifies that the claimant is suffering from hernia and rheumatism, and that from the testimony before him it is his belief that the said disability did originate in the service aforesaid.

Joseph Beezley, a brother of claimant, testifies that the claimant was ruptured when he came home from the said service; also that he has not been able to work for many years past, and is now in a very feeble and almost helpless condition. The witness states further that claimant has always been strictly temperate, and a peaceful, law-abiding citizen. The claimant has no property, and witness has for many years provided for his support.

The claimant's good character, dependence, and physical disability are testified to by a number of other citizens of the town where he resides.

There are many precedents for the allowance of pensions to the aged and dependent survivors of the old Indian wars, and your committee report the bill back, recommending its passage.